

House Resolution No. 3951

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to recognize Bobbie Ann Balke, an esteemed resident of Sedalia, Missouri, who is to be commended for her contributions to the youth of Calvary Baptist Church in Sedalia; and

Whereas, Bobbie Balke has distinguished herself as a member of Calvary Baptist Church since 1959, during which time she has developed and coordinated the Puppet Ministry, participated in Vacation Bible School, and has served as the Director of Vacation Bible School and as the Leader of the Children's Choir; and

Whereas, other positions that Bobbie has filled include Sunday School Teacher, Adult Sunday School Teacher, Youth Mission and Choir trip Sponsor, and member of the Church Council, Budget and Personnel committees, and Women of Faith; and

Whereas, Bobbie Balke has generously supplied landscaping for the church entryway and has decorated the church for the holiday season for more than twenty-five years; and

Whereas, the Citizens Against Spousal Abuse (CASA) 2002 Volunteer of the Year, Bobbie Balke has also answered the CASA hotline for several years; and

Whereas, Bobbie Balke has invested her life in training young women and young men in the ways of our Lord, leading many such youth to take her example of Christian charity to lands and souls far beyond Calvary Baptist Church; and

Whereas, Bobbie Balke has been abundantly blessed with the love and admiration of a wonderful family whose members include her devoted husband, Merlin Balke; her four children, Steven Wittman, Brent Wittman, LeAnn Wittman, and Julie and Mark Nauser; and her four stepchildren and their spouses, Dan Wittman, Jerry and Melisa Balke, Scott and Agnes Balke, and Kathy and Steve Heineman:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join in extending our most hearty congratulations to Bobbie Balke at this proud moment of well-deserved distinction, and in wishing her only the very best of success in all her future endeavors; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Bobbie Ann Balke.

Offered by _____
Representative Philip Willoughby
District No. 33

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 3951, adopted August 30, 2004.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker